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SUBJECT: VICE PREMIER CHI TENG-KUEI'S MEETING WITH DEPARTING
CANADIAN AMBASSADOR

ACTION REQUESTED: PER PARAGRAPH 6

1. BEGIN INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY. DEPARTING CANADIAN AMBASSADOR
JOHN SMALL PPID A FAREWELL COURTESY CALL ON CHINESE VICE PREMIER
CHI TENG-KUEI ON THE AFTERNOON OF OCTOBER 5. ACCORDING TO
NEAR-VERBATIM MINUTES OF THE MEETING READ TO USLO OFFICER BY
CANADIAN EMBOFF, CHI STRESSED THE POST-MAO CONTINUITY OF
CHINESE FOREIGN POLICY, TOOK A TOUGH AND UNCOMPROMISING LINE
ON THE SOVIET UNION, EQUATED DETENTE WITH "MUNICH THINKING,"
AND EXPRESSED HOPE FOR A PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF THE TAIWAN
PROBLEM WHILE RESERVING THE RIGHT TO "LIBERATE" IT BY ARMED
FORCE IF NECESSARY. END INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY.

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2. POLICY CONTINUITY. OBSERVING THAT SOME FOREIGN COUNTRIES HAD SPECULATED ON POSSIBLE CHINESE FOREIGN POLICY CHANGES FOLLOWING CHAIRMAN MAO'S DEATH, CHI DECLARED THAT CHINA WILL "ACT ACCORDING TO THE PRINCIPLES LAID DOWN" AS THE FUNERAL MESSAGE AND PREMIER HUA KUO-FENG'Y SEPTEMBER 18 MEMORIAL SPEECH HAD "MADE CLEAR." ILLUSTRATING THIS, CHI ADDED THAT "CHINA'S NEIGHBOR TO THE NORTH, WISHING TO FIND OUT IF THERE WOULD BE A POLICY CHANGE, SENT A MESSAGE BY ITS COMMUNIST PARTY." CHI FLATLY CONCLUDED "THERE WILL BE NO CHANGE IN CHINA'S POLICY OF STRUGGLE AGAINST THE USSR."

3. SINO-SOVIET RELATIONS. CHI SPOKE IN FAMILIAR TERMS OF AN IDEOLOGICAL DISPUTE WITH MOSCOW ENDURING FOR 10,000 YEARS; OWING TO UNSPECIFIED PAST GOOD OFFICES BY ROMANIA'S CEAUSESCU, HOWEVER, THE DURATION MIGHT NOW BE "ONLY" 9000 YEARS. CHINA'S POLICY IS TO PURSUE AND MAINTAIN "NORMAL" STATE-TO-STATE RELATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION, BUT IT WOULD "STRUGGLE FEROCIOUSLY" IF SUBJECTED TO SOVIET "BULLYING.". CHIENVISAGED NO POSSIBILITY OF PROGRESS IN THE LONG-STALLED BORDER TALKS. TO CHINA, CHI SAID, THE ESSENCE OF THE PROBLEM IS THE "AGGRESSIVE NATURE" OF THE SOVIET UNION WHICH, HAVING ILLEGALLY OCCUPIED THE TERRITORY OF OTHER COUNTRIES (CHI CITED THE JAPANESE NORTHERN ISLANDS), FEARED A "CHAIN REACTION" IF IT YIELDED ANY GROUND TO CHINA. HENCE, AFTER SEVEN YEARS AND MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED ROUNDS OF TALKS, THERE HAD BEEN "NO ACHIEVEMENTS" -- THE SOVIET SIDE HAD EVEN DENIED THE EXISTENCE OF A DISPUTED AREA. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, CHI SUMMED UP, CHINA "DID NOT MIND" THE RETURN A FEW DAYS AGO OF SOVIET DEPUTY NEGOTIATOR GANKOVSKY, BUT WAS CERTAIN "IT WOULD CHANGE NOTHING."

4. THE TAIWAN ISSUE. IN RESPONSE TO AMBASSADOR SMALL'S REQUEST FOR A CHARACTERIZATION OF CURRENT SINO-US RELATIONS, CHI DECLARED: "THE MAIN PROBLEM IN THE WAY OF NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS WITH THE US IS, OF COURSE, THAT OF TAIWAN". CHI RECITED THE STANDARD THREE PRECONDITIONS, MENTIONED THE "JAPANESE FORMULA," AND CONCLUDED THAT EVERYTHING "DEPENDS ON THE US ATTITUDE" SINCE THE US "OWES US" ON TAIWAN. CHI STATED A STANDARD MIDDLE-OF-THE-ROAD POSITION -- TINGED WITH SOME IMPATIENCE -- ON "LIBERATION" OF TAIWAN, EXPRESSING A CONFIDENTIAL

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PREFERENCE FOR A PEACEFUL SOLUTION BUT EMPHASIZING THAT CHINA COULD ELECT ARMED LIBERATION IF NECESSARY. HE TOLD AMBASSADOR SMALL: "CHINA HAS ALWAYS HOPED TO RESOLVE THE TAIWAN PROBLEM BY PEACEFUL MEANS. THE US HAS NO RIGHT TO BE INVOLVED IN THIS AFFAIR SINCE IT IS AN INTERNAL CHINESE MATTER. WHETHER THE PRC CHOOSES, THEREFORE, TO LIBERATE TAIWAN BY FORCE OR BY PEACEFUL MEANS IS ENTIRELY A MATTER FOR THE CHINESE PEOPLE TO DECIDE AND HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THE AMERICANS. IF THE

PRC DOES NOT FIND A SOLUTION TO THE TAIWAN PROBLEM BY PEACEFUL MEANS, THEN WE WILL LIBERATE IT BY ARMED FORCE AND THIS SHOULD IN NO WAY BE A MATTER OF CONCERN TO THE UNITED STATES." THEN, RESPONDING TO AMBASSADOR SMALL'S EXPRESSION OF HOPE THAT A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT BE FOUND, CHI ADDED: "CHINA WOULD ALSO PREFER TO FIND A PEACEFUL SOLUTION. BUT IF THAT IS NOT AVAILABLE WE WILL USE FORCE. INTERNAL AFFAIRS SHOULD BE SOLVED BY THE PEOPLES CONCERNED, AND THE SUPERPOWERS SHOULD NOT INTERFERE."

5. DETENTE. CHI RECITED THE STANDARD BRIEF ON EUROPEAN (IN)SECURITY, SOVIET AGGRESSIVE INTENTIONS, THE INEVITABILITY OF WAR, AND THE "FALLACY" OF DETENTE. HE EXPRESSED "HOPE" THAT THE SOVIET UNION MIGHT WITHDRAW FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND MONGOLIA, BUT ADDED TARTLY THAT HE "DOUBTED" THIS WOULD OCCUR. CONSEQUENTLY, "TO THE CHINESE DETENTE IS APPEASEMENT AND A MANIFESTATION OF THE MUNICH MENTALITY." CHI DID, HOWEVER, SEEM TO GIVE AN OBLIQUE BLESSING TO CURRENT US POLICY: HE ASSERTED THAT "CHINA BELIEVES THAT THE WESTERN POWERS SHOULD CHANGE THEIR POLICY FROM ONE OF DETENTE TO ONE OF PEACE IN STRENGTH" -- ALMOST CERTAINLY A DELIBERATE QUOTATION FROM THE PRESIDENT'S "PEACE THROUGH STRENGTH" SPEECH.

6. FOR USUN: PLEASE PASS THIS MESSAGE TO AMBASSADOR GATES UPON HIS ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK.
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